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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Inspection and Security Division
Attention: Alien Affairs Officer

SUBJECT : Preferential Entry into the United States of
Sergei Lvovich SHEBALIN

REFERENCES : (a) Detailed Justification for entry of Subject
into the United States

(b) Biographic Information on Subject

1. It is requested that your office make the necessary arrangements to legalize the entry into the United States this year of Sergei Lvovich SHEBALIN, formerly Rostislav Lvovich ANTONOV; his wife, Tatiana Afanasiyevna (RAUN) SHEBALINA; and his six year old daughter, Margarita, under the authority of Section 203 a 1 of the Immigration and Nationality Act. Operational considerations render it essential for Subject to be brought out of Austria and into the United States with a minimum of delay.

a. Results of latest carriage test are attached.
(Attachment 5)

b. Results of latest medical examination are attached.
(Attachment 6)

c. Admission to the United States is contingent upon favorable results of a psychiatric examination to be conducted upon arrival in the United States.

d. Subject has already received the following security clearances:

- (1) Provisional Operational Clearance No. 898,
30 July 1951
- (2) Provisional Operational Clearance No. 1685,
15 January 1952
- (3) Request for Covert Security Clearance was
submitted on 7 April 1953.

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2. This request is based upon Subject's past and potential usefulness to this Agency:

a. Service to date

Subject, a former captain of the Soviet Army and later General VLASSOV'S adjutant, has been utilized under various projects of the SR Division, since November 1951. In two of the projects Subject performed the ground work but, due to lack of funds, these projects were abandoned. At present Subject is still connected, although indirectly, with REDCAP and CE operations. Reports from the field by Subject's case officers speak well of his capabilities, motivation, and suitability for intelligence work.

b. Future services

If this request is approved, Subject will be employed as an interrogation specialist by the Assessment and Recruitment Section of the SR Domestic Operations Base in this country. It is felt that his immigration to the United States is desirable to assure his valuable services indefinitely and to secure his continued allegiance to American interests.

3. SR/DOB is committed to employing this individual for a period of at least 6 (six) months and facilities, personnel, and funds as authorized under Project ABACUS are adequate to assume this responsibility. If, at the end of this period, SR/DOB no longer requires the services of the individual, the Office of Operations will then be requested to assume primary responsibility.

4. A detailed justification for Subject's admission to the United States, plus biographic details of him, his wife, and his daughter, are attached.

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Chief, SR Division

Attachments - 6

- 1 - Justification for Admission into US of Sergei Lvovich SHEBALIN
- 2 - Biographic Information on Sergei Lvovich SHEBALIN
- 3 - Biographic Information on Tatiana SHEBALINA, nee RAUN
- 4 - Biographic Information on Margarita Sergeyevna SHEBALINA
- 5 - Results of latest carriage test
- 6 - Results of latest medical examination

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1. A. Sergei Vasilievich Kuznetsov, was arrested in 1942, was an officer in the Soviet Army from September 1941 until August 1942. He was captured by the Germans during the advance of the German forces. As soon as his capture, taken to a German prison. An enraged German tank commander shot at him. At the Russian Interrogation Camp, he became his title of officer came in later. Although the Russian Army's liberation was given in 1943. He was narrowly rescued from a repatriation with the U.S. forces in the front lines. Hostilities ceased. He succeeded in a performance in the 1944 movement placed him among the ranks of some of the most prominent anti-Germans of the time, those Russian will be the first to be given credit for the salvation of their native land.

While the above indicates a record of anti-Semitic activity, the State Department cannot agree with former State evidence. The House Department's capture was very small and has been searched for matter to be available under state or federal law. The House Department has also verified the impossibility of obtaining the proof requested. The results, however, are the same as those made on October 1940 (see attachment #1) corroborate the fact that the State Department and British evidence is not sufficient to establish as early as 1942.

2. a. In the period prior to the time of June of 1961, the first assignment was to examine the possibility of establishing a network against the would-be release of the two certain countries. The second assignment was to organize a network of anti agents to penetrate the front line of enemy. This was preparatory work for the first assignment. Success in fact in organizing a net for the second assignment project were eventually hampered due to lack of funds.

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received the following clearances:

Operational Clearance No. 1691, 18 November 1951
Provisional Operational Clearance, No. 598, 10 Jul 1951
Provisional Operational Clearance, No. 1505, 18 January 1952

4. After a full briefing of subject and development of his capabilities, it is intended that he be used in the United States in connection with spot and assassin activities of W/AM. He will be on or the United States on a contract basis. It becomes necessary to terminate his services with the Agency at some future date, it is not felt that a disposal problem will occur. His native intelligence, education and natural abilities are such that no difficulty is expected in his suitable employment.

5. As has been indicated, his further presence in Europe constitutes a security threat to the W/AM and W/AM personnel with whom he has worked in Vienna. His admission to the United States is therefore desirable to eliminate this potential security breach. The admission of his wife and daughter is desirable on the same grounds. They are his only close relatives in the West and their accompanying him would eliminate the opportunity for certain intelligence to recruit subject's wife and to control him through her.

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